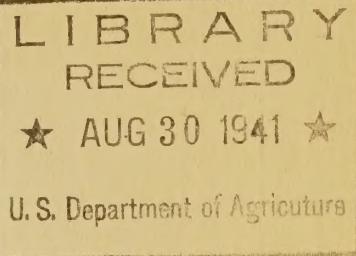


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P R O G R A M

Tuesday - June 10 - 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. - R. M. Evans, Administrator, AAA

10:00 a.m. - Paul Appleby, Under-Secretary of Agriculture

10:45 a.m. - Leon Henderson, Administrator, Office of
Price Administration and Civilian Supply

11:45 a.m. - Organization of Committees

1:00 p.m. - Committee meetings

Wednesday - June 11 - 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - J. B. Hutson, President, Commodity Credit
Corporation

9:00 a.m. - Grover B. Hill, Assistant Secretary of
Agriculture

9:30 a.m. - Milo Perkins, Administrator, Surplus
Marketing Administration

10:30 a.m. - Committee Meetings

4:00 p.m. - Boat trip

Thursday - June 12 - 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - Committee meetings

10:30 a.m. - G. N. McConnell, Vice President, Manitoba
Pool Elevators

11:00 a.m. - Committee reports

3:45 p.m. - Moving Picture, "The Land,"
Introduction by Robert H. Montgomery,
Professor of Economics, University of Texas

Friday - June 13 - 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - Committee reports

10:00 a.m. - Vice-President Henry A. Wallace

11:15 a.m. - Committee reports

3:30 p.m. - Moving picture, "Harvests for Tomorrow."

4:00 p.m. - Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture

4:30 p.m. - Summary of conference - R. M. Evans

5:00 p.m. - Adjournment

1. DEFENSE PROGRAM AND THE AAA

Meeting Place: Room No. 1039*

Committee:

Chairman - J. Ralph Graham - New Hampshire
P. O. Davis - Alabama
W. B. Anderson - Florida
E. P. Bowen - Georgia
G. J. Durbin - Louisiana
S. Brown - Oklahoma
Paul Sanders - South Carolina
S. J. Nebeker - Utah
F. T. Lopez - New Mexico
H. L. Stafford - Idaho
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Maurice Douglas - Indian
Charles A. Crawford - Ohio
Otto A. Will - Minnesota
Skuli Rutherford - Minnesota
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John R. Hutchinson - Virginia
C. E. Brehm - Tennessee
S. G. Buzzell - Maine
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Earl A. Flansburgh - New York
Homer O. Stewart - Rhode Island
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Division Representatives:

T. L. Ayers - Southern
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It is expected that the work of this committee will result in recommendations with respect to broad questions of policy which will assist the AAA in adjusting its program to meet the present emergency. The committee should bear in mind when making recommendations for adjustment of the program to meet emergency conditions the effect that these changes might have on agriculture after the emergency is over. Since several topics for discussion by this committee will probably be discussed also by committees Nos. 4 and 5, these committees should arrange some method of liaison so that their work at all necessary points may be coordinated. It is suggested that the discussion by this committee could be divided into the following four major headings. Under each heading are some specific topics which might be discussed although the discussion by the committee need not be limited to these topics.

A. Improvement of nutrition in the United States.

1. Production and preservation of foods for home use on the farm.
2. Production and marketing of foods for consumption by nonfarmers.

B. Providing food and fiber for export to democracies and for domestic use.

1. Production and procurement of foods for export.
2. Building of reserves which may be needed for export.

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3. Building reserves of commodities the imports of which have been cut off or sharply reduced by war conditions.
4. Availability of farm labor and farm machinery.

C. Improvement of farm incomes in the United States.

1. Increase benefits to low-income farmers.
2. Increase effectiveness of conservation and acreage adjustment.
3. Improve inflow and outflow of Ever-Normal Granary supplies.
4. Assure farmers their share of increased prices.

D. AAA as the vehicle for democratic action in agriculture.

1. Provide county and community committeemen with up-to-date facts about the Defense Program.
2. Develop and use effective educational techniques.

2. SOIL-BUILDING PRACTICES

Meeting Place: Room No. 201 Administration Building

Committee:

Chairman - A. W. Jones - Alabama
C. C. Willey - Arkansas
T. M. Patterson - Mississippi
C. T. Cameron - Oklahoma
D. W. Watkins - South Carolina
F. B. Seale - Texas
A. C. Shoemaker - Wyoming
G. F. Ogilvie - Nevada
T. R. Merryweather - California
Ed O'Hare - Montana
Wm. W. Owens - Utah
H. L. Spence - Idaho
Walter F. Katterhenry - Wisconsin

Harry M. Combrink - Illinois
Albert J. Loveland - Iowa
John Waybright - South Dakota
V. D. Sexson - Indiana
M. W. Klair - Delaware
J. O. Knapp - West Virginia
H. White - North Carolina
H. P. Poppellwell - Kentucky
A. A. Deakins - Tennessee
Robert H. Boothby - Maine
W. F. Sinclair - Vermont
A. H. Smith - Pennsylvania
Ralph Y. DeWolfe - New York

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A. J. Borton - Western
H. L. Manwaring - Northeast

Frank Brewer - North Central
M. L. Barnes - East Central

This committee should consider all of the provisions of section 2 of the 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program bulletin except the provisions of subsection (c), "Soil-building allowances" which is assigned to committee No. 4. Consequently the work of this committee divides itself into two major headings as follows:

A. Soil-building practice provisions other than specific practices. It is requested that the committee give consideration to section 2, subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e) and make recommendations as to whether these provisions as now contained in the bulletin should be continued for 1942 as written and if not, how they should be revised.

An additional provision has been recommended for discussion which would allow all or a portion of the soil-building allowance for several individual farms to be pooled and would permit the payments under this pooled allowance to be paid to the individual operators of the farms which contributed to the pooled allowance in the proportion that such operators contributed to individual practices carried out under the pooled allowance. This has been proposed particularly in order to permit carrying out erosion-control measures which on an individual farm basis are impracticable because of high cost.

B. Specific soil-building practices. The committee should review all of the practices now contained in the bulletin, including the rates of payment for each practice, and should also give consideration to additional practices recommended by farmers and by committeemen from the various States. In making recommendations with respect to the practices to be contained in the 1942 Program, the committee should give particular attention, among other things, to the following:

1. The requirements for carrying out each practice should be drawn up so that a good conservation job is assured and, at the same time, administrative costs are held to a minimum.
2. Particular consideration should be given to additional practices, including the present food and feed practices, which, if carried out on individual farms, would result in better standards of living for operators, tenants, and sharecroppers. These practices should be written so that they are particularly adapted to low income farms and can be carried out in a practical manner on such farms.
3. In connection with practices providing for the application of fertilizers, particular attention should be given to the uses of these materials which will qualify them for payment under the program.

4. The present supplemental practice provision, No. 55, and its application in the different States should be reviewed and if the decision is made that it should be retained in the 1942 Program, possible means of making it more effective should be sought.
5. It is suggested that the committee give consideration to additional practices which would stimulate increased conservation on intensively cultivated vegetable farms.

3. CONSERVATION MATERIALS

Meeting Place: Room No. 6962
Telephone-2667

Committee:

Chairman - John H. East - Virginia	Maurice A. Doan - Michigan
H. H. Whittle - Alabama	Arthur J. Hamann - Wisconsin
J. F. Rains - Arkansas	Harry S. Martin - Illinois
T. R. Breedlove - Georgia	J. W. Burch - Missouri
J. F. Percy - Louisiana	Clarence Ocheltree - Delaware
G. A. Slaughter - Texas	W. C. Vanmeter - West Virginia
Wm. Enschede - Oregon	O. M. Farrington - Kentucky
A. G. Kilburn - Utah	H. E. Hendricks - Tennessee
Claude Wilson - Washington	F. A. Stoddard - New Hampshire
H. F. Tate - Arizona	R. S. Shaw - Rhode Island
Elmer F. Kruse - Ohio	J. B. Thayer - Connecticut
J. E. Carrigan - Vermont	

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Wilson Westbrook - Western	Everett H. F. Felber - Northeast
Robert Herder - North Central	Don Aitken - Special Programs

This committee should consider the various phases of the conservation materials program and the cotton mattress and comforter programs. The following questions are suggested for discussion by the committee.

A. Materials and services to be furnished.

1. Should the materials and services offered be limited to certain specified items or classes of materials and services?
2. Should additional materials or services be recommended for inclusion in the 1942 Program?

B. Operating problems.

1. The spring and fall rush periods raise both administrative and procurement problems. What can be done to smooth out deliveries over the whole program year?
2. The committee should review the method of making cash collections for association expenses in connection with the furnishing of conservation materials as compared with a method of supplying a smaller amount of material than the amount ordered as a means of offsetting association expenses. Should this policy be uniform for all regions or would it be desirable for regions to adopt different methods?
3. There is some evidence that the divisions are not following a uniform policy in the use of the double deduction provision where materials are misused. What recommendations for a uniform procedure for all regions can be made by the committee?

C. Policy problems.

1. Should changes be made in the formula for determining the proportion of the total payment which can be taken in conservation materials and services?
2. Should the committee recommend to the soil-building practices committee that present rates of credit be adjusted for the use of phosphate and potash?
3. Supplies of triple superphosphate have not been sufficient to meet the demand under past programs. As this situation will continue and may apply to other materials as well, what should be the basis for allocating available supplies to divisions and States?
4. Legislation authorizing the purchase of materials by other means than through competitive bidding is being considered by Congress. If it is enacted into law, to what materials should it be applied and what procedures should be adopted in carrying it into effect?

D. Cotton-mattress program.

1. The committee should, either as a whole or through a subcommittee, consider the operating problems involved in the cotton-mattress and comforter program with a view toward simplifying the procedure and making the program as effective as possible. Consideration should be given to questions of general policy with respect to the extension of the program for another year and to its extension to include other cotton products.

4. ALLOTMENTS, ALLOWANCES, YIELDS, AND CROP CLASSIFICATION

Meeting Place: Room No. 301 Administration Building

Committee:

Chairman - Alfred R. Barnes - South Dakota	Christ Kainrad - Ohio
C. C. Cox - Arkansas	Elmer F. Messman - Illinois
R. W. Green - Louisiana	Clair D. Becker - Iowa
W. H. Stovall - Mississippi	James A. Porter - Michigan
R. W. Hamilton - South Carolina	R. O. Stelzer - Maryland
B. B. Ingle - Texas	Porter Hardy - Virginia
W. A. Wolf - Washington	M. D. Royse - Kentucky
Emmet Womer - Kansas	H. W. Soule - Vermont
C. E. Teeter - Arizona	Geo. E. Ruoff - Connecticut
C. C. Hicks - Colorado	Chas. A. Thompson - New Jersey
T. E. Buckman - Nevada	G. E. Lord - Maine
James E. Walker - Pennsylvania	

Division Representatives:

H. P. Moffitt - Southern	L. R. Kennedy - North Central
J. M. Thompson - Western	E. A. Johnson - East Central
C. I. Hendrickson - Northeast	

Since several items for discussion by this committee will probably be discussed also by committee No. 1, these two committees should arrange some method of liaison so that their work at all necessary points may be coordinated. It is suggested that the discussion by this committee follow the following general outline.

A. Allotments. The committee should review the provisions for each of the crops for which allotments are now determined with particular reference to the crops other than the basic commodities specified in present legislation.

1. With respect to the so-called non-basic commodities for which allotments are now determined, the committee should consider whether allotment payments should be continued for such crops in 1942. If the committee decides with respect to such commodities that allotment payments be recommended again in 1942, the particular allotment provisions for these commodities should be carefully reviewed with a view to making them more effective, if possible, than they are at present.

2. Recommendations have been received that the total-depleting allotment be eliminated in certain areas. If the committee recommends this elimination, what provisions, if any, would the committee suggest in lieu of the total depleting allotment? Particular consideration should be given to the alternative provisions now contained in the 1941 bulletin.

3. What procedure would the committee recommend for determining new grower allotments? Should any payments be made for new grower allotments on any commodity, or should new growers be assigned permitted acres without payment?

4. What policy should be followed with respect to new areas coming into production with particular attention being given to the new large reclamation areas? On individual farms, what should the policy be for newly cleared land?

5. What procedure should be followed in determining allotments for farms or areas going out of production?

6. Are the present nonallotment provisions with respect to corn, wheat, and general depleting crops the most effective for dealing with the small farm problem in a practical way? Should nonallotment provisions for all crops be similar to the announced non-allotment provisions for 1942 with respect to wheat? The effect of the nonallotment options under ACP should be carefully considered in connection with marketing quota and parity payment programs.

7. Should the present 80% rule be continued? If so, should it be applied uniformly in all regions to all commodities?

B. Allowances. It is requested that this committee give careful consideration and make recommendations with respect to the present provisions of section 2, subsection (d), which establishes the rates of, and the method of computing these soil-building allowances. Included in this part of the discussion should be the special allowances including the present \$15 forestry allowance and the minimum \$20 payment provisions.

C. Crop classification.

1. If the committee makes recommendation to continue the total soil-depleting allotments for 1942 they should then carefully review all of the present 1941 Program provisions dealing with crop classification. This discussion should cover the definitions of commercial vegetables and commercial orchards.

2. In connection with substitute provisions for total-depleting allotments, the committee should consider the present substitute provisions of the bulletin and review under the present provision with respect to minimum acreage of erosion-resisting crops the list of land uses which are now classified as erosion-resisting.

3. If the committee's recommendation is to eliminate the total-depleting allotments for 1942, then the committee may wish to recommend, dependent upon the type of alternative provisions, a list of soil-conserving land uses.

4. In connection with all crops under allotment the committee should consider and make recommendation with respect to the 3% or the 3-acre tolerance provision.

5. What crops should be classified as depleting on a harvested basis and which on a seeded basis?

5. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Meeting Place: Room No. 3095
Telephone - 6010

Committee:

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J. B. Daniels - Arkansas
A. P. Spencer - Florida
J. J. Doles - Louisiana
C. W. Stone - South Carolina
L. E. Tarvestad - North Dakota
W. H. Mann - Washington
R. F. Ballou - California
Wm. Teutsch - Oregon
L. Marshall Vogler - Indiana
R. C. Schultz - Wisconsin

Calvin Holloway - Missouri
Warren J. Hubbard - Michigan
Arlie Mucks - Wisconsin
L. C. Burns - Maryland
Van Taylor - North Carolina
C. A. Mahan - Kentucky
H. B. Stevens - New Hampshire
R. K. Clapp - Connecticut
C. N. Emerling - New York
W. W. Supplee - New Jersey
C. M. McGee - Pennsylvania

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Events at home and abroad have moved at an undreamed of pace since the 1940 National AAA Conference. National Defense has become the No. 1 job of the nation and of all groups within it. Democracy at home as well as abroad is on trial. It is clear that political freedom is no longer either the meaning or safeguard of democracy. To live today democracy needs bread and butter as well as ballots. That means change. Many changes are already in motion and affecting the AAA farm program in various ways. Moreover, AAA has been given primary responsibility for many of the changes which must be made both within and without the national farm program.

It has been suggested, therefore, that the work of this committee be divided into two general divisions---the first, policy and subject matter; the second, methods and media.

The Policy Discussions will, of necessity, cover a much broader consideration of subjects than has been included in AAA's recognized sphere of operations in the past. Some points suggested are:

A. Agriculture and National Defense. What do we need to do to insure success of the farmers' part in defense of democracy? Does the country appreciate the real magnitude of the job--and the farmers' part?

B. What about Economic Democracy--democracy and groceries? Just what does it mean? What have we got to do with it?

C. Our Food Production Program. Is it in full gear? What do we need to do to keep it going? What part has the patriotic appeal played in getting action?

D. After the war, what? Do we need to plan now?

E. Agriculture and Labor? Are we really making any headway on better understanding and effective cooperation?

F. Nutrition? The under-fed under-third is still with us. What contributions can we make to the present nutrition campaign?

G. Conservation. Are we holding our own?

H. AAA. We still have our own garden to hoe.

Methods and Media. The job is clear. Are our tools up to date? Can the vehicles we are driving keep pace with the traffic in 1941? Education has often been looked upon as a "longtime process." Have we the time? Who are we trying to reach? These discussions will be most valuable if they coldly analyze our present methods and make specific recommendations for the most effective ways of carrying out the fully-rounded educational job that has been given to AAA's 130,000 farmer committeemen. It has been suggested that the committee discuss the educational responsibilities of State committeemen, the State office staff, farmer fieldmen, county committeemen, county office staffs, and community committeemen. How far have we gone in our educational job at home?

The discussions by this committee should be, insofar as possible, coordinated particularly with committee No. 1, Defense and the AAA.

6. MARKETING QUOTAS

Meeting Place: Room No. 2862
Telephone - 4281

Committee:

Chairman - G. T. Scott - North Carolina	Clarence W. Sheppard - Missouri
J. M. Jones - Alabama	Henry G. Bolstad - Minnesota
H. G. Clayton - Florida	J. F. Thompson - Indiana
Harold Davis - Oklahoma	Miles T. Lee - Mississippi
D. L. Cothran - Texas	Elton Lux - Nebraska
Dave Davidson - California	T. B. Symons - Maryland
Harry Lohse - North Dakota	F. W. Colby - Tennessee
E. C. Reed - Nevada	A. K. Gardner - Maine
H. H. Simpson - Colorado	Oscar R. Hallene - Rhode Island
H. E. Larsen - Utah	M. Mallory - New York
G. L. Boykin - New Mexico	W. A. Munson - Massachusetts
Russell M. Turner - Washington	L. A. Bevan - New Jersey

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Fred Entermille - Western	J. E. Thigpen - East Central
Carl Wooster - Northeast	

The suggested discussion by this committee is divided into the following three major topics:

- A. Quotas on commodities other than those provided for in existing legislation. Various suggestions have been made with respect to marketing quota legislation for additional commodities other than those now provided for by law and it is suggested that this committee give such consideration as time will permit to the question of whether marketing quotas would be desirable for such other commodities as are recommended to the committee for their consideration. The committee will probably not have time to consider these proposals in any great detail and therefore should probably confine itself to recommendations as to whether from a broad policy standpoint additional legislation is desirable for these other commodities, from the standpoint of necessity and feasibility of administration.
- B. Regulations and procedures with respect to commodities now under quotas. In this part of the committee's work the existing procedures and regulations prescribed for each of the commodities under quotas should be examined as carefully as time will permit with a view toward recommending such simplification as seems possible and with a view toward making these regulations and

procedures as uniform as possible for all commodities. Included in this part of the committee discussion should be consideration of minor legislative amendments which would make administration of marketing quotas for the various commodities more simple and effective.

C. Administration of marketing quotas by county committees. As quotas on additional commodities become effective, the problem of effectively and efficiently administering these quotas by county committees becomes more important particularly in those counties where quotas are effective on several crops. Some of the main problems involved are around the question of coordinating the work of administering quotas with the work of administering the ACP, the commodity loan and crop insurance programs. This committee should consider ways and means of effecting better co-ordination between these various programs particularly at the county level with particular emphasis on the responsibility of county committees in administering quotas.

7. GENERAL PROGRAM PROVISIONS

Meeting Place: Room No. 3106

Committee:

Chairman - Chas. A. Collins, - New Jersey
W. B. Crawley - Alabama
Robie Gray - Georgia
E. H. White - Mississippi
J. Carl Wright - Oklahoma
Howard Kingsberry - Texas
G. R. Harris - California
R. L. Crompton - Wyoming
N. C. Donaldson - Oregon
Louis Knight - Kansas
M. Wunderlich - Colorado
J. E. Tippett - California

Charles W. Stickney - Minnesota
Charles E. Bonine - Michigan
John F. W. Busse - Nebraska
Clarence F. Wall - Wisconsin
R. K. Bliss - Iowa
R. B. Bridgeforth - Virginia
C. E. Stockdale - West Virginia
J. H. Hornsby - Tennessee
Ray R. Allen - Vermont
Earl P. Robinson - New Hampshire
S. R. Parker - Massachusetts
J. B. Frisbie - Puerto Rico

Division Representatives:

T. M. Gachet - Southern
T. B. Joyce - Western
George Ware - Northeast

William Chandler - North Central
Sam Whiteside - East Central

The following are some of the specific items that this committee might discuss. The committee should also carefully review provisions now contained in the 1941 bulletin which have not been definitely assigned to other committees.

A. Definitions.

1. Farm.

Is the present definition of an ACP farm satisfactory and should it be used in 1942?

Are the present provisions for the combination of separately owned tracts, operated by one person, into one farm adequate? If not, what changes are suggested?

Are the provisions relating to field rented tracts adequate and satisfactory?

2. Person.

Should tax supported institutional, town, city, county and State farms be excluded from participation in the agricultural conservation program?

3. Cropland.

Should a definition similar to that used in 1941 be adopted for 1942? If not, what changes should be made?

B. Division of payment.

Are the present provisions adequate and satisfactory?

Should the bulletin provisions spell out what constitutes "Contribution" in connection with soil-building practices?

Are the present provisions relating to the deductions incurred on other farms satisfactory? Should any change be made in connection with the proration of net deductions?

C. Aggregate compliance.

Are there any changes necessary in connection with the methods for determining aggregate compliance?

D. Practices which tend to defeat the purposes of the program.

Are the present provisions adequate and are they being administered uniformly? Are there other practices which should be given consideration and included?

Consideration should be given to the misuse of marketing quota cards, cotton, wheat, etc.

E. \$10,000 limitation of ACP payments.

Are there any problems in connection with the administration of these provisions?

Is there any better way of handling than the present system?

F. Assignments.

Are the present provisions adequate?

Should the purposes for which an assignment is authorized be reviewed with a view of restricting or broadening the list of items constituting advances for the making of a crop?

G. Minor legislative changes.

1. Assignments.

Should assignments be limited to a fixed percentage of the final net payment determined for the assignor?

2. Increase in small payments.

Should increases be based on the total payment due a person in a county rather than on each individual farm?

3. Limitation of parity payment.

Should a limitation similar to the \$10,000 ACP limitation be imposed in connection with parity payments?

H. Closing dates for applications.

Should closing dates for filing original 1942 applications be established?

Should closing dates be established for 1942 adjustment applications?

What changes, if any, should be made in regard to 1941 closing dates?

I. Automatic wheat crop insurance.

It has been requested that this committee discuss the recommendation that wheat growers participating in the ACP automatically have their wheat crop insured.

J. Special deductions.

Should the various provisions of item 4, special deductions, be continued in 1942?

Should a deduction be imposed unless acreage diverted in the 1942 crop year from the allotment crops is used for the production of soil-conserving crops?

K. Combination of range and farm bulletins.

For 1942, the National ACP docket will combine the range program with the rest of the ACP. However, should a separate handbook covering the particular range program provisions be issued for each State?

8. GREAT PLAINS

Meeting Place: Room No. 0348

Committee:

Chairman -	L. H. Norton - Kansas	E. W. Chapman - Kansas
	A. E. Pittman - Oklahoma	N. D. Gorman - North Dakota
	H. H. Williamson - Texas	Robert L. Green - Nebraska
	R. J. McKenna - Montana	Sorren H. Lassen - South Dakota
	C. V. Hemphill - New Mexico	Martin Nelson - South Dakota
	E. E. Bledsoe - Colorado	Wayne Kinsey - Nebraska
	J. J. McElroy - Wyoming	Louis I. Thompson - South Dakota

Division Representatives:

M. P. Leaming - Southern	T. B. Walker - North Central
F. L. Dominey - Western	A. W. Manchester - Northeast

The following suggested discussion outline summarizes the reports made at the April session of the Southern and Northern Great Plains AAA subcommittees.

A. What area of the Great Plains should be included under a special program?

1. Can a special program be devised which will satisfactorily meet the problems of both the Northern and Southern Great Plains? If not, should separate dockets be prepared?
2. How should the determination of the area be made? By referendum or by the AAA?

B. What provisions should be included in a special program for the Great Plains?

1. If the proposal to eliminate total soil depleting is accepted, will there be any necessity for a special program in the Great Plains?

2. Is the freezing of county allotments at the 1941 ratio desirable as a means of discouraging the practice of seeding wheat merely to hold allotted acreage, or is there some other solution to this problem which the committee can recommend?
3. Should parity payments be combined with other payments in the special program?
4. Should allotment payments be contingent upon earning all or part of the soil-building allowance?
5. Can restoration land be eliminated? In the Northern Plains area? In the Southern Plains area?
6. Are the present miscellaneous deductions adequate?
7. Should the rate of payment for soil-building practices in a special program be varied according to productivity?

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Meeting Place: Room No. 6962
Telephone-2667

Committee:

Chairman - S. E. Statham - Georgia
R. C. Branch - Arkansas
Frank H. Hathorn - Louisiana
Peter F. Williams - Mississippi
B. F. Vance - Texas
F. L. O'Cheskey - New Mexico
J. T. Dinwoodie - North Dakota
S. Richards - Idaho
J. C. Taylor - Montana
Lee Gentry - Illinois

Phil M. Smith - Missouri
James H. Quick - Michigan
Clarence K. Bey - Ohio
Guy Dowdy - Ohio
S. K. Cassell - Virginia
Hu S. Vandervort - West Virginia
I. O. Schaub - North Carolina
W. J. Scherm - Kentucky
George Davis - Massachusetts
M. H. Fox - Rhode Island
W. T. Clark - Connecticut

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Frank Woolley - North Central
B. M. English - East Central

The purpose of this committee will be to develop and recommend policies and procedures concerning the organization and administration of County Agricultural Conservation Associations. Most of the questions which will likely be discussed can be classified into two general groups, fiscal and administrative. The following matters have been suggested for discussion and consideration, and any other subjects relative to effective and economical administration which are presented to the committee should be discussed:

A. Administrative.

1. Election procedure.

Should county committeemen be elected by community committeemen rather than by delegates?

When should elections be held and when should new committeemen assume office?

What is the most effective method of conducting elections to obtain best representation?

2. Office management and operations.

Primary responsibility of county committee for actual direction of county office activities, including the employment and dismissal of personnel.

Delegation of responsibility by the county committee to chief clerk or similar employee.

Performance of clerical work by county or community committeemen.

Acquisition of suitable space and equipment.

Hours of work for county office employees, and payment of salary or compensatory time-off for over-time work.

3. Methods of comparing relative efficiency and economy of county associations.

Analysis of expenses.

Analysis of work accomplished.

4. Administrative and budgetary controls.

Responsibility for bringing about adjustments in personnel and organization.

Responsibility for controlling or limiting expenditures of county associations.

5. Educational and informational activities.

Although a separate committee will consider this phase of the program, the county administration committee should discuss and consider the policy of paying for notices or information published locally, printed cards or hand bills, etc.

B. Fiscal.

1. Procedure for deducting association expenses.

Advisability of eliminating the expense deduction factor by allowing for association expenses in establishing rates of payment.

Determination of deductible expenses by county, State, or regional office.

Methods of allocating non-deductible funds.

Expense period for which association expenses are deducted.

2. Audit of association fiscal records.

Policy to be followed on State regional and national levels.

10. COMMODITY LOANS

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This committee should give careful consideration to the broad overall questions of policy in connection with the various phases of the commodity loan program. It is suggested that the discussion by the committee should be divided into four major divisions as follows:

1. What is the Ever-Normal Granary? How large should it be? Where should commodities be stored? How should storage facilities be financed and owned?
2. How should the cost of storage be borne? In the first year? In subsequent years?
3. What policy should be followed with respect to the utilization of government-financed stocks?
4. What principles should govern the determination of location differentials?

